

Then and Now

When Acadians and native people
Inhabited this green and fertile land,
Nature we free- seen as a great steeple.
The waters, which were cherished by man,
Were used for their living and survival.
Using the skillfully hewn-out canoes,
People also were able to travel.
They coexisted and gave all its dues.
The waters of Louisiana were
More than just streams, rivers, and bayous.

However, today the same can't be said.
With innovations, we have constrained
Waterways with levees and pollution,
But there still does remain a solution.
Our beloved waters can be reclaimed,
And for the future, we can erase dread
If we resolve to save tradition,
Culture, the true cores of ourselves: water.
As we strive to conserve, the battle can be won,
So harmony can return to every son and daughter.
Then the waters of Louisiana again will be
More than just streams, rivers, and bayous.

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